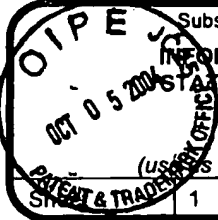


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

 Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/761,430
		Filing Date	01/22/2004
		First Named Inventor	Shinsaku TAKAOKA
		Group Art Unit	1651
		Examiner Name	Unassigned H. L. L. L. L.
1 of 2		Attorney Docket Number	043738-0103

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
[Signature]	A1	6,420,145	B1	SUMI	07-16-2002	
	A2	6,537,543	B1	MINAKAWA	03-25-2003	
[Signature]	A3	6,669,971	B1	KATO et al.	12-30-2003	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶
[Signature]	A4	SUMI et al., "A Novel Fibrinolytic Enzyme (nattokinase) in the Vegetable Cheese Natto; a typical and popular soybean food in the Japanese diet," <u>Experientia</u> , 1987, pp. 1110-1111, Vol. 43, Birkhauser Verlag, CH-4010 Basel/Switzerland	
	A5	SUMI et al., "Enhancement of the Fibrinolytic Activity in Plasma by Oral Administration of Nattokinase," <u>Acta Haematol.</u> , 1990, pp. 139-143, Vol. 1990, S. Karger AG, Basel, Switzerland	
[Signature]	A6	NISHIMURA et al., "Natto diet was apparently effective in a case of incipient central retinal vein occlusion," <u>Ganka Rinsho Ihou</u> , 1994, pp. 53-57, Vol. 88, No. 9 (partial translation provided)	
	A7	SUMI et al., "A Novel Strong Fibrinolytic Enzyme (Nattokinase) in the Vegetable Cheese "Natto", " <u>Fibrinolysis, International Journal of Fibrinolysis and Thrombolysis</u> , 1988, p. 67, Vol. 2, Suppl. 1, TNO Corporate, The Netherlands, Dr. C. Kluit and Dr. F. Haverkate, Eds.	
[Signature]	A8	Computer WPIDS Derwent Abstract 1996-42191313[42] JP08208512, August 18, 1996	
	A9	SUZUKI et al., "Dietary supplementation of fermented soybean, natto, suppresses intimal thickening and modulates the lysis of mural thrombi after endothelial injury in rat femoral artery," <u>Life Sciences</u> , 2003, pp. 1289-1298, Vol. 73, Elsevier Science Inc.	
[Signature]	A10	ANTHONY, "Soy and Cardiovascular Disease: Cholesterol Lowering and Beyond," <u>J. Nutr.</u> , 2000, pp. 862S-863S, Vol. 130, American Society for Nutritional Sciences	


Examiner Signature		Date Considered	9-12-05
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 608. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Substitution for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT  (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
Sheet <u>2</u> of <u>2</u>				Application Number	10/761,430
				Filing Date	01/22/2004
				First Named Inventor	Shinsaku TAKAOKA
				Group Art Unit	1651
				Examiner Name	Unassigned <i>D. LILLING</i>
				Attorney Docket Number	043738-0103

[illegible]

Heidi Soltes

9-12-08

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**